

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Gregory S1666
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State of Tennessee, Smith County

On this third day of September 1832 Personally appeared in open court before John Chambers, Zachary Fords and Isaac Goodall the court of pleas and quarter sessions now sitting William Gregory a resident of Smith County in the State of Tennessee aged 68 years last May who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as here stated.

That in the month of November in the year 1780 in Chatham County State of North Carolina he entered a volunteer for tour of three months under Captain William Richardson in Colonel Litterel's [sic, John Luttrell's] Regiment of militia and after remaining at Luttrell's Barracks better than a month he marched with the Regiment to Salisbury There the British attacked and dispersed our troops he again Joined his company and went on to where we Joined Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army here Colonel Luttrell & Captain Richardson returned home after that this deponent served out his tour in doing duty under Captain Gregory and was discharged near Guilford courthouse afterwards in the year 1781 in the month of September or October he Joined Captain Hirn [sic, Hern or Hearn?] in Orange County as a volunteer in a company of Light horse in a tour that was promised to exonerate the men from a tour of three months duty he marched with the company to General Lillington's Head quarters there continued until Discharged afterwards again in Chatham County NC he joined Captain Alexander Clark as a Volunteer for three months in the foot service and marched with the company to where it joined General Butler's Army and continued with it to where it met with the Tories at Linlys [sic, Lindley's] Mill and had an Engagement – here the troops were dispersed and he returned home a short time and then again Joined his Captain and marched to the raft swamp and from thence to cross Creek where he was discharged.

He has no written discharge nor never received any or any other documentary evidence by which he can prove his services nor does he now know of any person by whom he can prove the same except Isham Beesly¹ and Bry Gregory² whose Testimony he offers he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or gratuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Pickett, Clk

S/ William Gregory

State of Tennessee, Smith County

This day personally appeared before us John Chambers, Solomon Debor and Garrison Justices of the court of pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting Isham Beesley aged 73 years who being first duly sworn on his oath says That he was well acquainted with William Gregory in Chatham County North Carolina at the commencement and through all the war and ever since that he knows of his own knowledge that he the said Gregory was in the service of the United States in the tour that he speaks of under Captain Richardson and also that he was in another tour after that under Captain Clark having seen him in the service on both these Tours and he has every reason to believe that he served the other tour that he speaks of but it is not personally known to him the said William Gregory has always supported the character of a man of trust and ought be believed from his General reputation Sworn to and subscribed this 3rd day of September 1832.

S/ J. Pickett, Clk

S/ Isham Beasley

1 FPA S1943 Isham Beasley or Beasley or Beesley

2 [Bry Gregory S2249](#)

State of Tennessee, Smith County

This 3rd day of September in 1832 personally appeared in open court before John Chambers, Zachary Ford and Isaac Goodall the court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Bry Gregory a resident of Smith County aged 71 years who being duly sworn says that William Gregory is his Brother and that he knows he did enter the service as a Volunteer under Captain Hern in Orange County NC and served his tour as stated by him and he believes he served the other tours spoken of by him Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Pickett, Clk

S/ Bry Gregory

[fact in file: veteran was born May 1764]

Amended Declaration of William Gregory

William Gregory an applicant for a pension here in open Court makes Oath, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service, as a Soldier in the Revolution, but according to the best of his Recollection, he served six months in the infantry and performed one tour of duty as a Dragoon, or mounted man for which he obtained a credit for three months more in the infantry, making in all nine months Service, performed in the defense of the Country. He served in the capacity of a private Soldier; and that during the time he was in the Service of the Country, he was not engaged in any Civil pursuit whatever. Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court the 4 June 1833.

S/ J. Pickett, Clk

S/ William Gregory

State of Tennessee, Smith County

This day William Gregory personally appeared before me Branch Nunley one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County, and made oath, that he served as a Dragoon, or mounted man, in the war of the Revolution, the time of one month this was his second tour of duty. He served in all, in the Revolutionary War, the time of seven months. Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 24th day of September 1833.

S/ Branch Nunley, JP

S/ William Gregory